GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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REDUCTION IN DUTY EXEMPTION PASS BOOK RATE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reduction in the Duty Exemption Pass Book(DEPB) rate has any impact on the exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome of the review done in this regard; and

(c) the total quantity of handicrafts, handloom, silk clothes and garment exported separately during the last three years alongwith the details of foreign exchange earned from each item?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.311 FOR ANSWER ON 20TH MARCH, 2007 REGARDING `REDUCTION IN DUTY EXEMPTION PASS BOOK RATE`

(a) & (b): As reductions in the Duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme (DEPB) are based on the lowering of basic customs duties, no impact on exports is anticipated due to such lowering.

(c) Value of export of handicrafts (excluding handmade carpets) for the period 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 was Rs.22.9 billion, Rs.16.9 billion and Rs. 18.1 billion respectively. Value of exports for textiles and textile articles (including handloom and silk clothes) during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 was Rs. 560 billion, Rs. 580 billion and Rs. 673 billion respectively.